Recent crime statistics received from the Virginia State Police compare NOVA’s crime for 2010 to 2011. The statistics show a 43% decrease in overall crime at NOVA, with significant reductions in the following areas:

- Assaults (-43%)
- Theft from motor vehicles (-85%)
- Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories (-67%)
- All other larcenies (-44%)
- Vandalism (-44%)
- Drugs/Narcotics violations (-40%)

2011 also represented the lowest total number of crimes for the prior 10 years. The only major area of increase is theft from a building (+23%).

While gratifying, these successes do not justify complacency. You never know when you may confront a severe threat to your life and property. We have had an active shooter and two bomb threats in the past five years at one campus.

We also had three robberies at another campus approximately three months ago. The police continue to train rigorously to deter and, if necessary, respond to these incidents. You can do your part by attending safety presentations held regularly at each campus. Below are a few important safety tips:

- Program the police telephone number (703) 764-5000 into your cell phone.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not leave valuables unattended, or carry large amounts of cash or large numbers of credit cards.
- Don’t text while walking. Predators prey on inattentive people.

Remember, if you see something call NOVA Police Dispatch.

On May 8, NOVA Police responded to the Woodbridge Campus for a reported bomb threat. A College employee received the threat over a college phone. NOVA Police, NOVA OEMP, Virginia State Police, Prince William County Police, and several other agencies responded and cleared the area without further issue.

If you were to receive a bomb threat, would you know what to do? If not, refer to the following tips:

- Notify the Police at 9-1-1.
- Do not use cellular phones or two-way radios; they can detonate the bomb.
- Do NOT activate the fire alarm system to evacuate.
- Evacuate the building, as directed, and assemble in safe areas designated by the Police or OEMP.
- Do not re-enter buildings until cleared by authorized personnel.
- Untrained persons should not try to rescue injured people inside a building. Wait for emergency personnel.
NOVA Bomb Threat Checklist (cont’d.)

When on the phone with the caller, get as much information as possible. At a minimum ask the following:

- **Who** is calling?
- **What** is the type of bomb?
- **When** is it set to explode?
- **Where** is it located?
- **How** was it transported and how is it controlled?
- **Why** was it placed?

For the full bomb threat questionnaire checklist, refer to the NOVA Police Blog: [http://blogs.nvcc.edu/police/](http://blogs.nvcc.edu/police/).

If you have additional questions about bomb threats, contact NOVA Police or your district Office of Emergency Management and Planning coordinators. We can be reached through NOVA Dispatch, which operates 24/7/365 at (703) 764-5000.

### NOVA Police Child Seat Inspection/Installation

Beginning in June, NOVA Police will offer child safety seat inspections and installation. If you wish to have your child seat inspected or installed, please contact NOVA Police Community Outreach Officer, Tony Ong, to schedule an appointment.

You will need to bring the following on the day of your appointment:

- The vehicle owner’s manual.
- The child seat, all manuals and parts that came with the seat.
- The child who will be using the seat (for fitting purposes– not mandatory). If the child is not present, provide his or her age, weight and height.
- Your vehicle.

Many people make dangerous mistakes when installing a child safety seat. However, most mistakes like incorrectly routed straps, are easily spotted and can be fixed. Correcting these issues could save a life. Below is a safety checklist along with Virginia Buckle Up requirements.

- Safety seats in the front seat should not face airbags.
- Infants (under 1 year and 20 lbs.) should face the rear of vehicle.
- Safety seat should be anchored tightly in vehicle.
- Child must be buckled in safety seat.
- Safety seat harness straps pass through the correct slots.
- Safety seat harness straps should be routed over the shoulder.
- Harness straps should be firmly tightened.
- Harness retainer clip should be at armpit level.
- Ensure the seat child has not been outgrown.
- Do not use vehicle seat belts on small children who need to be in a belt positioning booster seat.

For further questions, contact NOVA Community Outreach Officer Tony Ong at [Tong@nvcc.edu](mailto:Tong@nvcc.edu)
NOVA Police Attend National Police Week

On May 15, 2012, NOVA Police attended the National Police Week wreath-laying ceremony at the Capitol to pay respects to and honor officers who have died in the line of duty.

Today, in the United States, about 900,000 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. They serve with valor and distinction – and with great success. Federal statistics show that violent and property crime rates in the United States are at historic lows, thanks in large measure to the dedicated service of the men and women of law enforcement.

However, that protection comes at a price. Each year, there are approximately 60,000 assaults on law enforcement officers, resulting in nearly 16,000 injuries. Sadly, over the last decade, an average of 160 officers a year have been killed in the line of duty. And throughout U.S. history, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice. The names of these heroes are inscribed at the National Law Enforcement Memorial located at Judiciary Square in D.C.

2012 Community and Law Enforcement Gang Training

The Office of the Attorney General and the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services are sponsoring FREE police and community training in July at the Alexandria Campus. This training will feature two tracks (Law Enforcement and Community) and educational materials will be given to all attendees (including the Attorney General’s DVDs The Wrong Family and The Big Lie). Ideal attendees are parents, school resource officers, juvenile probation officers, teachers, counselors, and any officers and community personnel who work with kids or gang members. Topics include: Gangs 101, Targeting Kids, Gangs and Technology, Gangs and Virginia law, Current Gang Trends in the area, Community Outreach, and Social Networking.

To register for these FREE trainings, visit www.dcjs.virginia.gov.
Thursday, July 12 at the NOVA Alexandria Campus (Schlesinger Building)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Is there a topic you feel needs to be addressed? Contact Community Outreach Officer.
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Right to Left: Lt. Carlock, and Officers Gordon, Shallue, and Ong